

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Overseas Chinese

IN 1603 there was a bloody massacre of a large number of Chinese inhabitants in Manila. It was a panic action on the part of the Spaniards and Filipinos and the main underlying reason for the rising was the fear of the local inhabitants that unless the growth of Chinese power in their country was checked, the immigrants would dominate the islands economically and possibly also politically. About a century later there was a similar massacre in Batavia when 10,000 Chinese were killed in ten days of violent rioting. It was another panic action prompted by fear and distrust of the growing power of the Chinese commercial community. Today in the Philippines, in Indonesia and in all Southeast Asia the Chinese are still the suspected minority, still the resented aliens who cling tenaciously to their grip on the trade and commerce of the area. Only recently the Philippines Government introduced legislation forbidding Chinese and other aliens to engage in retail trading in the islands. The indigenous people today demand the same restrictions on the Chinese that they have during the last 450 years. The comparatively recent growth of nationalism has tended to accentuate opposition to the overseas Chinese and their dominant position in the affairs of Southeast Asia. The natural demand is that trade and commerce should not be concentrated in alien hands but that indigenous people should play a far greater part in their own country's affairs. With the coming to power of the Communists in China, this feeling against the Chinese has risen considerably. Briefly the view is that people who have extra-territorial loyalties and are agents of a foreign power have no place in the national life and politics of free Asia.

It is natural, despite the great debt they owe to Chinese enterprise and initiative in the last 400 years and decisively in the last 80 years, that the people of Southeast Asia should feel apprehensive of the allegiance of the immigrants. Fears of political and economic subversion loom large in their minds even though the majority of overseas Chinese are peaceful and anti-Communist. By many people they are regarded as potential fifth columnists. Now Indonesia insists that dual nationality in that country should end, that the Chinese should become Indonesian citizens or else, if they remain Chinese citizens, take no part in the country's affairs. Despite Mr Chou En-lai's reported agreement with this view, however, the solution of the overseas Chinese problem is by no means solved, suspicion of them and their motives by no means eradicated. The Chinese in Southeast Asia to this day remain unassimilated enclaves retaining for the most part their own language and customs—even their own schools. With the Indians and other minority groups they present the problem of the plural society which no legal agreement between countries can set aright. Southeast Asia will not soon forget that following the 1911 revolution in China, more than ever before they became imbued with the nationalist spirit that was directed to their homeland rather than related to the country in which they were living. This only tended to emphasize and perpetuate the social and political detachment of overseas Chinese communities. Undoubtedly the assurance of Mr Chou En-lai will have a mollifying effect in Southeast Asia but in the end—and it is likely to be a long process—the transformation of the plural societies will depend as much upon China's observance of the recently enunciated five principles for peaceful co-existence with her Asian neighbours as upon mutual trust and understanding between the different racial groups in individual countries. Internal cohesiveness is, therefore, as important as its observance externally.

TACTICAL A-BOMBERS BASED IN U.K.

U.S. Air Force General Tells Of Squadron's Role TO SUPPORT NATO TROOPS IN EVENT OF SOVIET THRUST

London, Dec. 5.

A United States Air Force division based in Britain has been assigned the major mission of tactical atomic retaliation against any Soviet thrust in Europe, it was disclosed today.

Brigadier-General John Stevenson lifted for the first time the secrecy shielding the job of his jet-powered 49th Air Division which was being re-equipped with supersonic swept-wing fighter-bombers. The division also includes a wing of jet-propelled B-45 "Tornado" bombers.

"Our mission previously has been highly classified," General Stevenson said in an interview. "But now I am allowed to tell you that the 49th Air Division is the main supplier of NATO's atomic potential."

General Stevenson said he could not answer a question whether atomic bombs had been shifted to British bases from the United States.

But he said all his planes were equipped with atom weapons. The mission of his 49th Division was second in importance only to that of General Curtis E. LeMay's United States Strategic Air Command (SAC).

Whereas General LeMay's job is to hurt his atom-bomb carrying giant B-29s and B-50s deep into the Soviet territories, General Stevenson's mission is to back the ground armies of the 14

NATO Allies in Europe with tactical atomic weapons. "Our mission is primarily one of ground support for the NATO ground forces," he said.

SAC bombers fly to Britain regularly on three-month training missions, but they are not assigned to NATO.

The 49th Air Division is General Alfred M. Gruenther's "vest-pocket" atom force on continental call in Europe.

General Stevenson, who has his headquarters at Sculthorpe, commands the 47th Bomb Wing of B-45s and the 20th and 81st fighter-bomber wings.

The 81st is now converting from F-86 Sabrejets to F-84F swept-wing Thunderstreaks. The 20th will soon begin testing straight wing F-84-G models for the supersonic Thunderstreaks.

The 20th Fighter-Bomber wing, General Stevenson said, carried out the early blinding experiments for use of small atomic weapons.

But only now, he said, was he able to disclose that his unit was based behind the English Channel and not in Europe.

He said all his planes carry atomic weapons.—United Press.

The Queen To Visit Canada Next?

London, Dec. 5.

The Queen is expected to make her first visit as Sovereign to Canada next year and there is a possibility that Princess Margaret may talk her family into allowing her a United States trip, well-informed sources close to Britain's Court said today.

It is being confidently predicted that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will travel to Ottawa next September or October to inaugurate the new Canadian Brigade of Guards.

Only the Queen can accept its oath of allegiance as the Sovereign's personal bodyguard in the Dominion. Only she can commission the officers personally and present its colours.

It would be her first trip to Canada as Queen. She was there in autumn 1951, as Princess Elizabeth. Whether she would cross the border to the U.S. is not known at present.

Twenty-four-year-old Margaret's travel plans are not yet clear. Margaret herself is known to have been dreaming of a trip to America for a long time, and the word at Buckingham Palace is—"Margaret always gets what she wants".

Already she has labelled the trip a "must-do" thing. Before she could go, however, she would have to receive formal permission from the Queen and an invitation from President Eisenhower. Her Majesty the Queen and the Queen Mother, herself just back from the U.S., have already talked over the background for another Royal visit, and Princess Margaret's itinerary would thus be arranged with her mother's assistance.—United Press.

29 Seamen Rescued In Big Gale

London, Dec. 5.

A tiny Dutch trawler rescued 29 merchant seamen from lifeboats in the North Sea today when the men abandoned their sinking freighter in fierce gales which swept Northern Europe for the second consecutive week-end.

The little Dutch trawler Kluweijker ploughed to the aid of the Falcon when it radioed "No power, taking water". The Falcon's 29 crewmen went over the side and the sea pitched them about like corks until the Kluweijker came to the rescue.

A 60-mph sou'wester, shrieking in off the Atlantic, all but sank the 1,132-ton Panamanian freighter Falcon, dragged a lightship from its anchorage, caused record tides along the dykes of Northern Holland and drained seawater from Baltic ports.

While the wind dropped in the British Isles, the storm shifted its target to the Low Countries, Germany and Southern Scandinavia. The same howling wind which battered the North Sea ports sucked millions of tons of seawater from Baltic ports.

The water level in the North German port of Groenbroede dropped so dangerously that 11 train ferries could no longer dock there. The main rail link between Scandinavia and the continent had to be detoured through Northern Denmark.—United Press.

Five Lambs Find A Willing Foster Mother



This strange picture comes from Thorpdale, Victoria, Australia where five three months old Dorset lambs have a cow as their foster mother on the farm owned by Laurie Morrison.—London Express Photo.

Fell 20,000 Feet —AND LIVED!

R.A.F. Pilot In Torn Parachute Drama

Southend, Dec. 5.

A pilot fell 20,000 feet today with only half a parachute into four feet of water—and lived.

The airman, Pilot Officer Brian Cross, baled out of his spinning Meteor jet fighter after it had plunged 10,000 feet out of control from a height of 30,000 feet.

As he struggled free from the machine, his parachute tore, it collapsed around him three times as he fell. He hit the sea in the Thames Estuary as lifeboats and United States Air Force bases in eastern England were alerted.

FIRE DISTRESS SIGNAL

He inflated a dingy strapped to his back and fired distress signals from a Vorey pistol.

Within minutes an amphibious Albatross aircraft piloted by Captain Howard Richards of the United States Air Force roared overhead and touched down to pick up the airman. There, Pilot Officer Cross was found to be suffering from shock, exposure, suspected fracture of the right leg and lacerations.—China Mail Special.

Found Hanged

James Edward Malarkey, 69, a salesman of an import and export company, was found hanged in his own room, No 2, Wyndham Street, top floor, at about 8.30 a.m. today.

His body was later removed to the Victoria Public Mortuary. Mr A. Rumball, who shared the premises told a China Mail reporter, that Mr Malarkey was dead when he found him in his room.

Mr Malarkey is survived by a son, who is at present in the Philippines. He has no relatives in Hongkong.

Hongkong Shivered: TEMPERATURE DOWN TO 55: BUT COLD SNAP PASSING

Out came the electric fires and the extra blankets all over Hongkong last Friday night when the Colony had its coldest spell of this winter.

The thermometer dropped to 55.7 degrees on Friday night. Two days earlier a maximum temperature of 77.8 degrees had been recorded.

The Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr G.S.P. Heywood told the China Mail this morning that the daily mean temperature had dropped slightly more than ten degrees in the two days — from 70.9 last Wednesday to 60.3 degrees on Friday night.

The cold snap was due to the development of a strong anti-cyclone over China associated with a fresh surge of the winter monsoon along the China coast.

The anti-cyclone is now extending eastward over Japan and the weather is likely to become rather milder during the next few days, Mr Heywood said.

ALABAMA

Tornadoes raked a destructive path across Alabama and Georgia yesterday, injuring at least 29 people at a dozen towns and wrecking the little community of Wellington, Alabama.

A black, funnel-shaped cloud hit Wellington with a "terrible roar", witnesses said, sweeping the homes off their foundations, flattening the railway station and spreading debris over the town.

Ambulances brought 21 people to a hospital from the town 10 miles north. Four of the 21 were critically hurt. The others were given first-aid treatment.

The "twister" raked five communities along the Alabama-Georgia State line. The Weather

Freight Trains In Big Crash

Paoli, Pennsylvania, Dec. 5.

Fifteen cars of an 89-car Pennsylvania railway freight train jumped the tracks near here today and another freight train going in the opposite direction ploughed into the wreckage.

One man, an unidentified fireman, was injured. He was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

The derailed cars were strewn over the tracks, blocking the railway's four main lines. Passenger traffic was re-routed.

The accident occurred about five miles west of Paoli. The cars were carrying ore, — United Press.

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Tanker Breaks In Two



The Liberian tanker "World Concord" broke in two off the British coast during the recent heavy gales and storms. The Greek captain and six of his crew were rescued from the bows of the vessel by a lifeboat and the remaining 35 of the crew were taken off the stern by a salvage tug. No loss of life occurred despite the raging seas.—London Express Photo.



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A.P.C. Clubhouse

A Clubhouse with a canteen is now being built on the rooftop of Shell Building, Queen's Road Central. When completed, it will serve the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

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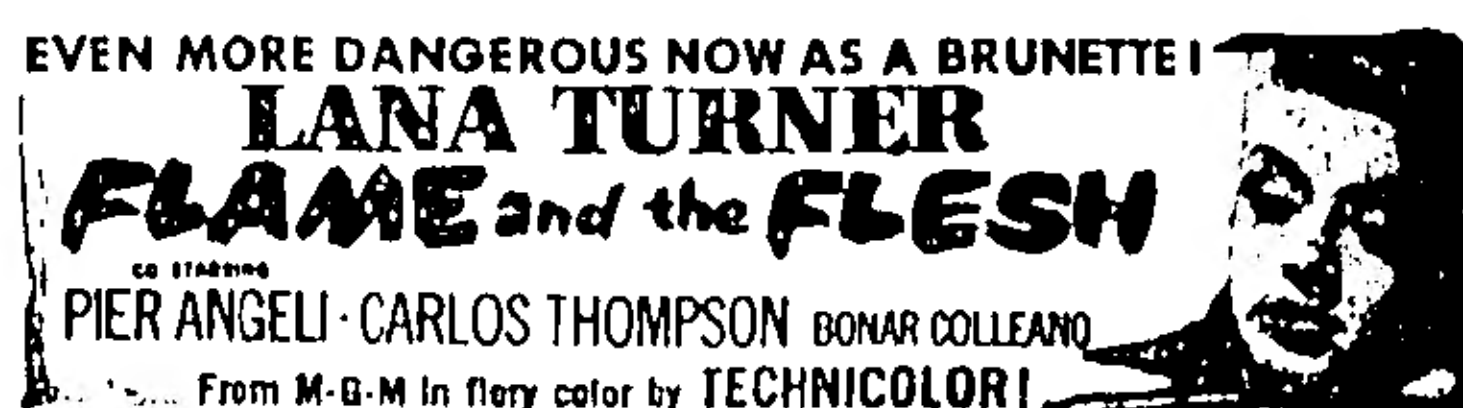


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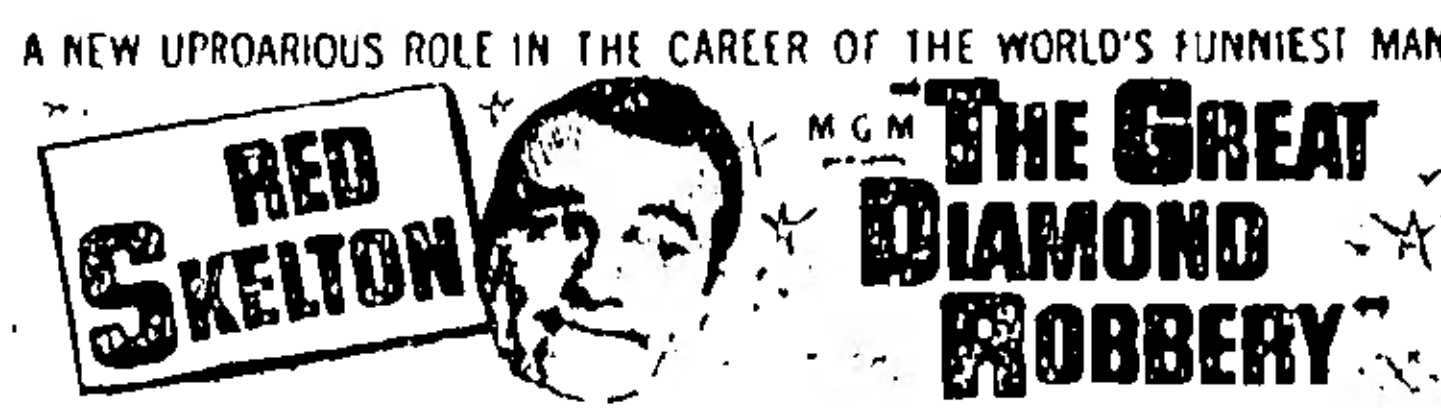
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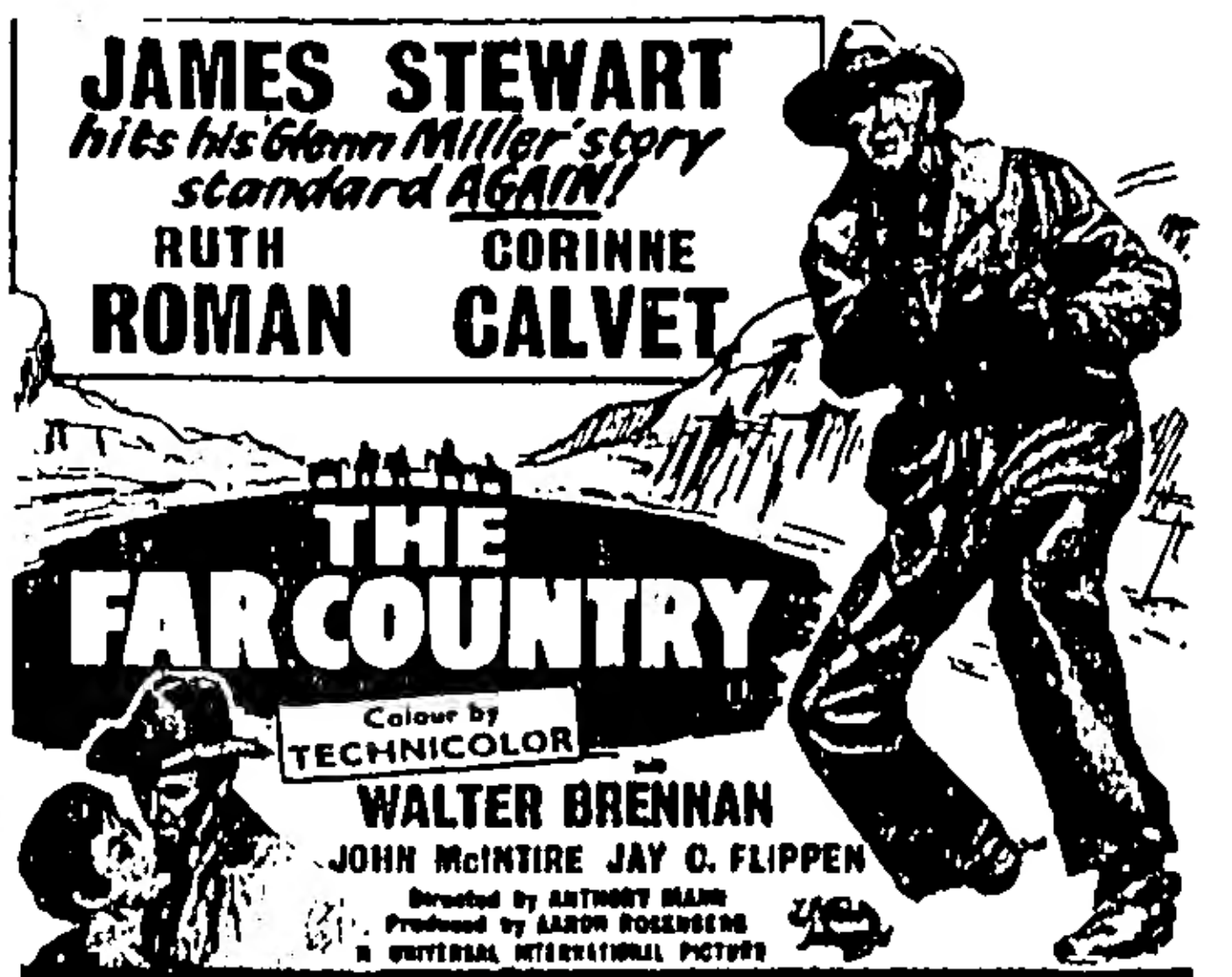
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EVATT WINS FIGHT

Blow To Victorian Catholic-Dominated Rightwing Executive POWERFUL GROUPS TO BE DISBANDED

Melbourne, Dec. 5.

Dr Herbert Evatt, Australian Labour opposition leader, has won his bitter two-month struggle against party groups he claims are dominated from outside, according to most political commentators here.

The Australian Labour Party executive, after crisis meetings here to investigate charges and counter-charges of disloyalty in the movement, decided yesterday:

1 To reorganise Victoria's right-wing Labour executive which Dr Evatt claimed was dominated by a Catholic movement, and

2 To disband powerful party industrial groups in the Australian trade union movement which Dr Evatt and his supporters have also described as Catholic-dominated.

GROUP DENOUNCED
The internal crisis began when Dr Evatt denounced a group of Victorian members of the Federal Parliament as "disloyal."

According to the Melbourne Age correspondent the most bitter blow for the Victorian right-wing of the Labour Party and Catholic Action was the Federal executive decision to reconstitute the Victorian executive, and control how it is done.

The Federal executive has called a special conference in Melbourne on February 28 for this task. It has ruled that

But a prominent New South Wales Labour Party official, who preferred to remain anonymous, told the Sydney Sun Telegraph: "The fight will be long and bitter and while it is on Labour will be in the political wilderness."

In a memorandum to the Federal executive published today, Dr Evatt warned the party it faced a danger "perilously close to fascism" because of the activities of a secret organisation within its ranks which sought control in order to concentrate on a policy of sheer anti-Communism. "Labour cannot survive on the basis of a party within a party," he declared.

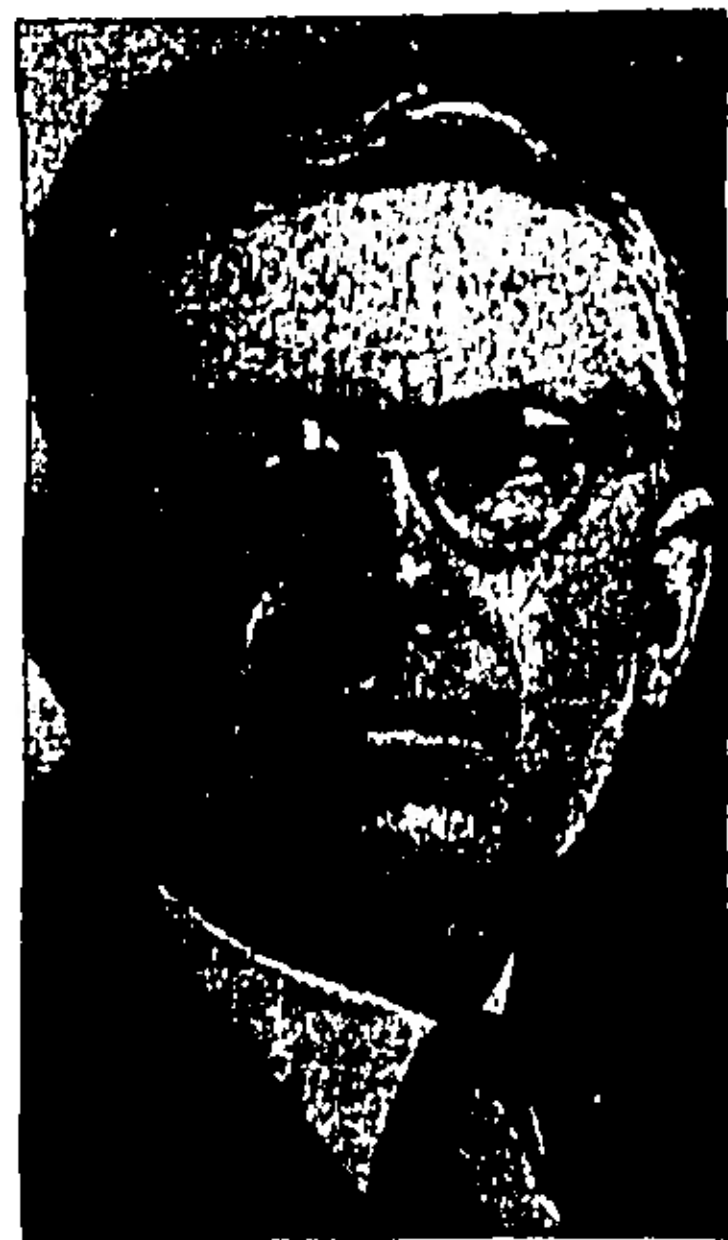
The political correspondents of the Melbourne Age and the Sydney Sun-Herald both said today that though the first victory had gone to Dr Evatt, the Labour Party's troubles were not yet over.

The Melbourne Age said the victory had been achieved at the expense of a declaration of war on the supporters of the industrial groups—who have already counter-attacked by saying the decision will help Communism in the trade unions.

Mr D. Woodhouse, Victorian spokesman for seven groups, said: "Disbandment is a poor reward for the work the groups have done to combat Communism in the trade unions. It would seem the groups have been sacrificed to appease the party's pro-Communist element."

NEW ORGANISATION
Other industrial group spokesmen have urged the creation of new organisations to carry on their work.

An editorial in the Melbourne Sun News Pictorial said the Federal executive's decision left a "gap" in the anti-Communist fight. "Labour's job must be to see that unions which had been won over from Communism did not fall under Red influence again," it added.



DR. H. V. EVATT

any delegate from a union affiliated to the Labour Party may be elected to the State executive. He need not be a party member though a pledge of loyalty to the party will be required.

Previously all candidates to the executive had to be party members of at least two years' standing.

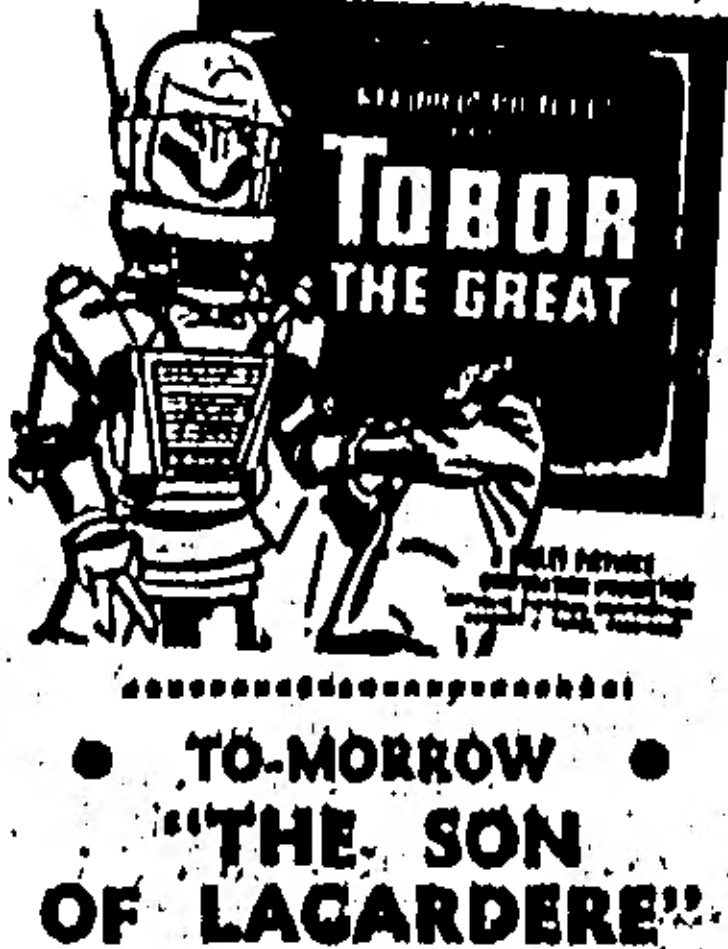
The decision meant a "polite sentence of death" to right-wing members of the Victorian executive, the Age correspondent said.

He predicted the next stage of the battle against industrial groups in New South Wales would be fought before the Labour Party Federal conference next March.

UNION SUPPORT
In this move the Federal executive was assured of the support of the Australian Workers Union, by far the largest in the country, and a strong section of the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

MAJESTIC

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



One of the touching incidents connected with Sir Winston Churchill's 60th birthday celebrations occurred when the Prime Minister took his wife by the hand and smilingly led her to a portrait of Lady Churchill which was presented to him by his constituents. The presentation was made at the Girls' County High School in Woodford, Essex.—Reuter-photo.

Singapore Against Bullfighting

Singapore, Dec. 5.

The people of Singapore are determined to keep out matadors, bulls and all the paraphernalia of the bullfight, a survey indicated today.

They abhor bullfighting on religious, moral and legal grounds.

Officials say they have not yet received an application for bullfighting to come here, but the Philippine Consul, Mr Yusup Abubakar, said he had received a letter some time ago from a Manila sports promoter enquiring whether it would be feasible and profitable to bring a team to Singapore.

The Filipino Consul said the visit was discouraged.

Indian Legislator, Mr C. R. Dasaratnam, said Singapore's 30,000 Hindus definitely would not patronise a bullfight show.

He said besides the fact that cows and bulls are sacred to Hindus, non-violence in many forms is the basis of the Hindu religion.

Mrs C. J. Paglar, wife of the Legislator who saw a Madrid bullfight last year, said it was "very cruel."

CAN'T UNDERSTAND

She said, "I don't want to see it again." She also said she can't understand how a powerful Catholic country like Spain would allow bullfighting.

She said it's a horrible sight to see the bull tortured before the matador kills him with the "coup de grace."

A government spokesman said bullfighting and cockfighting

under English law were interpreted as cruelty to animals and were therefore not permitted in the British Commonwealth.—United Press.

CHURCHILL SHOULD RETIRE

London, Dec. 5.

Leader of the left wing of the British Labour Party, Mr Aneurin Bevan, told an election meeting at Ebbw Vale (Monmouthshire) today that Soviet Premier, Mr Georg Malenkov, told him in Moscow "in the most solemn terms that in his view the rearming of Western Germany would reduce the chances of peaceful negotiations."

Mr Bevan said that Malenkov believed "the chances of establishing world peace are better today than they have ever been in our life time."

Mr Bevan also told the election meeting he thought Sir Winston Churchill should speedily withdraw from premiership so as to crown his career in glory and he predicted general elections in the near future.—France-Press.

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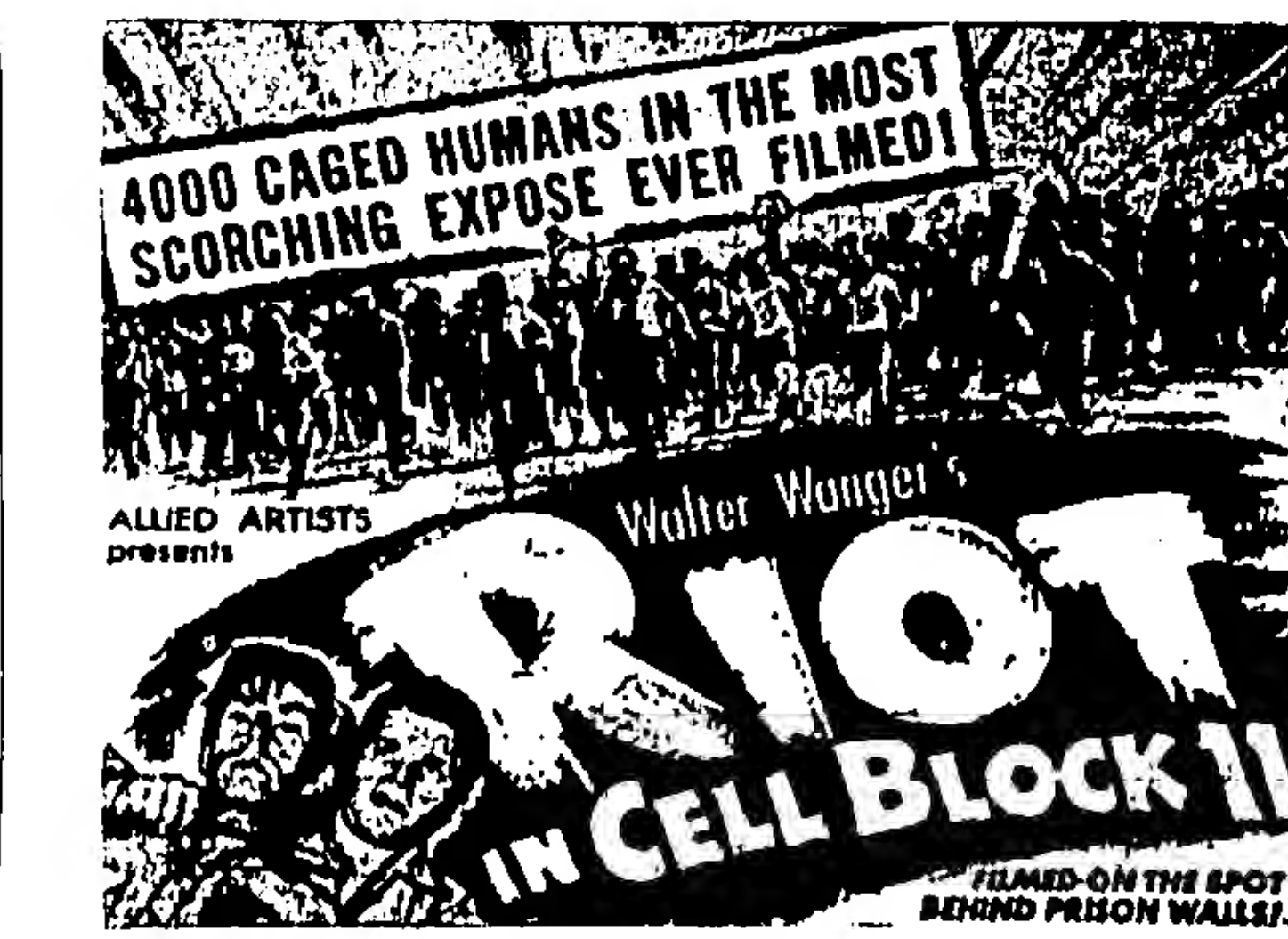
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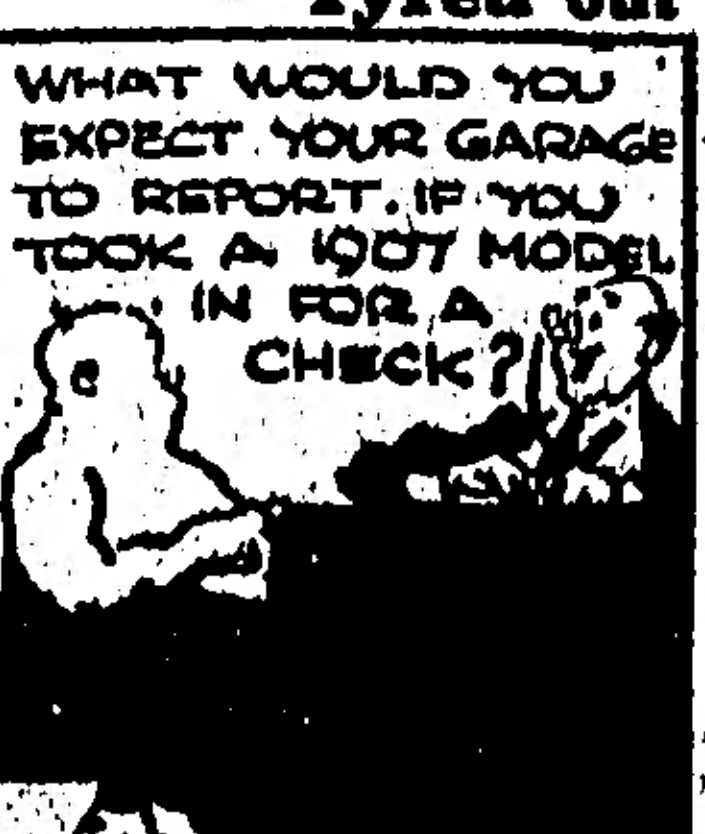
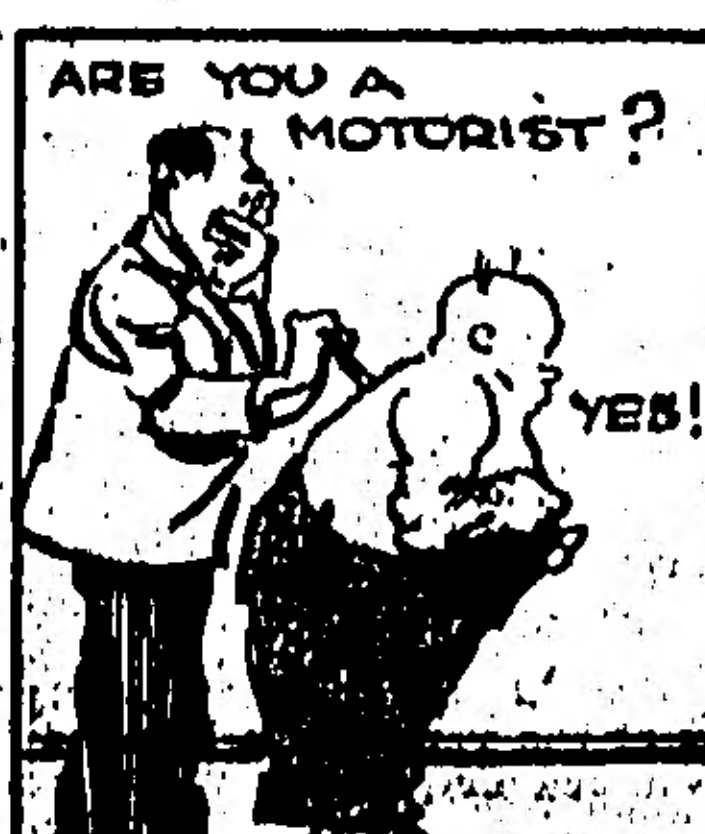
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FIGHTER PILOTS LOOK AT THE WAR IN THE AIR

The GERMAN searches for scapegoats

The BRITON refuses to admit defeat

by ERIC WILLIAMS
Author of *The Wooden Horse*

IN June 1940 it seemed to everyone except ourselves that Germany had won the war. All Europe had been overrun. The enemy was massing his landing barges along the coast of France. The United States of America still stood uneasily on the touchline. Alone and ill-equipped, we were preparing to repel the invaders.

GOERING

It was then that Sir Winston Churchill made his famous declaration that we would fight in the fields, and in the streets and in the hills. "We shall never surrender."

It was then that a handful of regular and week-end airmen flew thirteen hours a day against seemingly impossible odds, fighting in tired aircraft, not considering defeat but fighting on simply because the enemy was

there, because they had never been taught to give up. I have just been reading "The Last Battle" by a German fighter pilot, Peter Henn, a young Luftwaffe officer who began to fly in operations in 1943 when the tide of war was turning and the pilots of the German air force were beginning to meet aircraft that were equal to, and more than equal to, their own.

In direct contrast to Sir Winston Churchill's challenge, we read here of a "moral-boasting" visit to Lieutenant Henn's squadron by a powdered and powdered Lt. Hermann Goering.

"Children," he said, "I'm very displeased with you. You're not 'The Last Battle' by Peter Henn William Kimber 1954



LUFTWAFFE PILOT
Peter Henn.

bringing down enough enemy aircraft. What excuses can I make to our compatriots of Essen, Hamburg and Cologne when they come out of their shelters after losing all they possess during the bombing and are mourning their dead? What can I reply to the wives who ask me when this swiftness will end? I can't merely tell them that my fighters are a bunch of cowards. Once more, children, I must draw your attention to the fact that I want results. I shall send the first man who is reported as a coward before a court martial. Unless we have victories in the air we shall lose the war."

"The Last Battle" makes uncomfortable reading to one accustomed to the vivid understatement of such British accounts of fighting in the air as Guy Gibson's "Enemy Coast Ahead." The dialogue, too often reminiscent of a boys' adventure story, does not ring true. Much space is taken up with political complaint and denigration of ground staff. The author despises everyone who was not engaged in flying the worn-out Messerschmitts, whose poor performance he blames for his lack of success in shooting down the hordes of American aircraft he was called upon to intercept.

NO HOPE

There is no patriotism here, no joy in the fight, no honour and no hope of victory.

After reading "The Last Battle" I went immediately to my bookshelves and took down "The Last Enemy" by Richard Hillary, a fighter pilot in the Battle of Britain. It is only when Peter Henn describes his parachute descent from a damaged aircraft, or his terror when leading a squadron in to land in a thick fog, that his book is lifted into Hillary's class. Here Henn's writing takes on an urgency that is born of remembered fear, and the reader himself somersaults through thousands of feet tumbling for the ripcord that he cannot find, tears at his chest until his nails are broken and at last releases the white silk, still 12,000 feet above the ground, and swings sickeningly for a quarter of an hour at the end of a disintegrating parachute before landing in a tree.

DIFFERENCE

"The Last Battle" and "The Last Enemy," I think, illustrate not only the history of the war in the air from beginning to end, but also an important difference in national character. There is Hillary's personal cynicism turning to patriotic hope, and Henn's political cynicism turning to a personal hope of survival when the war is lost; the British pilot's dogged refusal to admit defeat, the German's frantic quest for scapegoats to blame for his country's lack of victory.

Read "The Last Battle" to learn how the war was lost, but then beg, borrow or buy a copy of "The Last Enemy" for fear you forget how it was won.



LABOUR SHADOW CABINET—THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTION

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A MODERN MOSES TESTS HIS PEOPLE

RITCHIE CALDER

concludes his series on the new Israel

BY my watch I was precisely 11 minutes 25 seconds late for my appointment with Ben-Gurion in the heart of the desert. Mrs Ben-Gurion remarked upon my unpunctuality in no uncertain terms. Among other things, she said that I would not have kept Winston Churchill or Dwight Eisenhower waiting.

I meekly suggested that Churchill and Eisenhower had not yet disappeared into the wilderness nor gone off to ruminate in timeless space.

But she was right. One ought to be punctual when one is keeping a tryst with history, even when it means following the patriarch from the Well of Abraham to the Fields of the Cattle-men.

And it is history, when the man who first announced the State of Israel, fought a war to make its existence real, and was its Prime Minister for five decisive years, decides to walk out of power, not into the proverbial wilderness of the politicians but into the actual desert of the Negev, to adopt the role of a modern Moses.

A Foretaste

The road to Sde Boker, the Fields of the Cattle-men, where Ben-Gurion has settled, goes beyond it for another hundred miles to the next settlement—at Elat, on the Gulf of Akaba.

But on the way to the Fields of the Cattle-men—

a term that has not been in use for at least 1,500 years—I got a foretaste of the even wilder scenery I was to find later in the sun-baked, thirsty desolation farther south.

You skirt great sunken valleys that look as though the bottom has dropped out of the land, with riven mountains rearing up from the depth as flat-topped mesas or jagged pinnacles. If you see a shrub or a path of green, you note it as an event.

The Bad Lands

Then, on the plateau in the distance, there appears a cluster of cabins with a stockade of barbed wire and a slight concession to the twentieth century, a radio-mast. On every side stretches the measureless desert which Ben-Gurion wants to make meaningful.

A sentinel stands armed in the scorching sun—not the uniformed bodyguard of a statesman but a young settler in overalls alert for any intruders. For this is the Bad Lands where marauders from Egypt or Jordan are liable to swoop.

Three times, in the two years of Sde Boker's existence, death has struck in ambush. The "Hymn of the Shepherds," the dirge of Sde Boker, laments the death of Barbara Popper, the shepherdess, killed and her flocks carried off a quarter of a mile from the settlement.

I knocked at the wire-netting door of a cabin a little bigger than the others. It has to be a little bigger because, behind its plywood walls, it houses the books among which Ben-Gurion pursues his classical and philosophic studies. It is the only concession made to the ex-Prime Minister of Israel.

Roughing It

Mrs Ben-Gurion answered my knock—and reproached me.

But do not get the wrong impression. Everyone in Israel knows Paula Ben-Gurion, who never minces words nor neglects a kindness. She was a New York nurse who married an obscure Zionist agent. She, with her three children, followed him through adversity and danger to the premiership.

And she has followed him into the desert, to help in the settlement cookhouse. She does not pretend to like it. She longs for her home in Tel-Aviv. But there she is, roughing it and sharing the chores as long as Ben-Gurion persists in his desert exile from public life.

Ben-Gurion rose from his camp bed to greet me. The working day at Sde Boker begins at dawn and Ben-Gurion does his stint of manual work (after all, he will tell you, he came from Poland to Palestine 48 years ago to work as a farm labourer). Then he rests and studies and writes. So I was



David Ben-Gurion

trespassing not on his time as a settler but as a scholar.

Of course, we talked politics in the two days I was there. In his study-hut, and in the canteen surrounded by bolsterous young settlers. We discussed Israeli politics, Middle Eastern politics and world politics. But when, afterwards, everyone whom I met asked the question, "Is he coming back?" I could not even hazard the answer.

The Soft Life

He is a determined man, full of vigour and vision. The desert has claimed him. He sees it not only as a source of the material needs of his country—food, minerals, possibly oil—but as a test of his people.

"Of course," he said, "the State needs industries and foreign trade but we need something more—a re-dedication to the soil of Israel."

He was severe on the luxury-settlers in the big towns, on the prosperous complacency of the older settlements, on the reluctance of many of them to accept immigrants, and on those immigrants who became squatters rather than settlers.

The Flesh-pots

If they are to have milk and honey let it be from the desert. He promises them no quails nor manna from Heaven. He promises them nothing but the rewards of their own achievements.

His own example is symbolic. For a practical example he points to the young settlers of Sde Boker, who preceded him.

Sde Boker started in May 1952, with a group of eleven men and two girls, at the end of their military service. They

had done duty in the Negev and had decided that here in the forgotten Fields of the Cattle-men they would dedicate their lives to desert recovery.

Today there are 22 full members of the settlement, with ten others who are "trying it out" before they join. And I met a crowd of youngsters from the towns and older settlements who had volunteered to work in their vacations. There are now seven women and two babies, one just a few weeks old.

The settlers were experienced, undisciplined by the wiser and their own bitter rebuffs from nature.

To Ben-Gurion, uneasy lest his people should succumb to the flesh-pots and lose that dynamic force which had brought a State into being, they were an example to be encouraged. At the age of 67, he renounced the Premiership and joined the settlement.

The Long View

"This desert," he told me, "in ancient times supported at least 300 settlements and several substantial cities—like Sbeitia, beyond those hills and Abdeh just to the south of where we are."

"Here the Fields of the Cattle-men pastured herds. And we shall have them again. Herefords are extremely hardy cattle which can stand the desert sun and find forage where there appears to be none."

"But we will recede the desert around here with grass. We will create a cattle ranch. And we will have sheep ranges as well. And we will breed horses—Arab horses."

(No "We hope..." but "We will.")

"When we get sufficient water (and we will bring it south from Beersheba if need be, or we will bring sea-water and distill it), we will have plantations."

The Wide Acres

"A Californian cotton-grower has been here. He says his soil here will grow excellent cotton. Sde Boker cotton plantations will have to wait till we get enough water, but he has shown farther north that cotton is an excellent industrial crop for Israel. Next year, with the extension of the settlements in the Northern Negev we will have 20,000 acres under cotton."

He spoke of the possibilities of oil, of creating "industrial oases" in the desert, to mine the minerals as they did in King Solomon's day.

"I foresee Sde Boker becoming two different things. It will be the base for the cattle-men and the shepherds of the ranges. But around here, we will have our fields, our vegetable ground, our plantations, our poultry..."

He paused. We were standing outside his cabin looking at the naked landscape he was clothing with his vision.

"And we shall have trees," he said with an arm-sweep over the desolation. "I hate a place without trees."

And with an abrupt gesture, like Aaron striking the rock in anger, he stamped his heel into the ground.

"Trees shall grow here!" he ordained.

Approved By Some, Not All

By Les Armour

London. CURIOSLY, the term "Approved School" does not mean the kind of school which you would approve for your children—at least not in England.

It signifies, rather, a kind of cross between an old-fashioned reform school and a post boarding school. It is approved not by parents but by the judicial authorities, and its pupils are juveniles who have become so much of a nuisance to the community that it is wise to send them away somewhere.

Many of them are housed in what used to be the stately homes of England. Their curricula are designed to make the children an integral part of the community.

Discipline is firm but not harsh and education, not punishment, is their main concern.

LESS AND LESS

In the main, they seem to be successful enough. In 1951, 43,500 juveniles were convicted of offences; last year there were less than 38,000. This year there will be still fewer if the present rate continues.

And less and less juveniles come back for a second try at crime.

All this despite the Teddy Boys, despite the readjustments imposed by National Service, despite a frightening shortage of policemen and the gross understaffing of the probation service.

So one would have thought that the "Approved School" would get a pat on the back and be allowed to steer its present course for a while longer.

But there are still critics. Take Mr H. R. Dunnico, chairman of the Benetree Juvenile Court.

Mr Dunnico comes from an area which includes Britain's biggest slum resettlement project—an area where small boys still tend to be rough and tough, and people have not quite overcome the tendency to duck when they see a policeman coming.

Recently, he went to look at some "Approved Schools." He finds that boys and girls in them are allowed to have pin-ups on the walls. He finds them calling their masters "Mr" instead of "Sir."

Worst of all, he finds that when he visits these institutions the children do not all spring smartly to attention.

Instead they go on "swinging from the branches of trees in the grounds."

IDEAS DIFFER

From all this he concludes that "there is no point" in sending juveniles there "with the idea of instilling discipline, respect and a social conscience."

All of which shows that Mr Dunnico and the penal authorities have rather different ideas about the way to make good citizens. And Mr Dunnico is not the only critic. There are probably thousands of magistrates who agree with him.

The authorities reason that most delinquents are rather lost and frightened and that they are only made more bitter and nasty by chain-gang discipline; Mr Dunnico reasons that somebody ought to scare the pans off them.

The authorities reason that the children should be made to feel at home and part of a friendly community; Mr Dunnico reasons that they should not be left in any doubt that they are in prison.

The authorities reason that visiting justices should be looked on as friends; Mr Dunnico reasons that they should be looked upon as Very Important Persons.

Take your pick. Time will tell.

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Police Rugger Team Surprise Everyone, Themselves Included

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon the Police team surprised everyone, including their most ardent supporters, by holding the Navy in the Pentagonal Tournament to a scoreless draw until ten minutes from time, when the Navy at last broke through the stalwart Police defence to score and win by 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to nil.

In the first game on the same pitch the Club, playing for half the game with fourteen men, were beaten by the RAF 16 the tune of 13 points (2 goals, 1 try) to nil.

Previous to this, on the Army ground at Boundary Street, the Army comfortably overcame the Gunners in a good "friendly" match by 14 points (2 goals, 2 tries) to 4 points (2 tries).

FAIR SUPERIOR

Although it came last in time the Police versus the Navy game was far superior to the other two. At the start of the game it started to rain slightly, but most of the spectators left. They missed the best show the Police have ever put up.

The Navy, who were on the left, expecting an easy win, got the shock of their lives. The Police tackled wonderfully, showing an aggressive spirit which has been missing for ages.

The match of 15-15 from full back to scrum had more than paid off the bet. Only one of the Navy's half was left when the Police tackled them in the scrum.

North's Smith, Lloyd and had a chance to do much with the ball. Lloyd was on the left, but he was tackled. Smith went well, but he was tackled. Lloyd was on the left, but he was tackled.

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though from the touchline it looked as if it had been the Navy who were offside. However, it was missed, and the Police played out. Smith stopped the Navy attack and cleared well upfield with a nice kick.

Back came the Navy, and Allwood sent the three away, and the ball coming back to him tried a drop at goal but missed narrowly. With the Police attacking again the first half ended.

ANYBODY'S GAME So far this had been anybody's game though the Navy three looked much more capable of scoring if they were not marked. The experts on the touchline agreed that the Police had done very well, but they would never last out the pace.

In fact they were expected to let the Navy have their own way in the second half. Certainly in the second half the Navy spent most of their time in the Police half of the field, but they lacked the finishing touch and the hard tackling of the Police kept them out until near the end.

The Police attacked again in the opening minutes, but the Navy at last got their three away clearly and Lloyd ran well and kicked ahead to find touch on the Police 25. And the Police attacked again.

The Police cleared upfield but the Navy came back and about 35 yards out were awarded a penalty. The kick was short and the Police gathered and with a couple of long kicks took play back to the Navy's end of the field.

Some lively kicking by Smith sent the play back down to the Police, and a three move got within ten yards of the line before the Police could stop them.

Then the Police sent their three away and a good run took them to the Navy 25. However, they were offside at this point and the Navy pressed in their turn. Back and forth swayed the play with the Navy looking the better, but never quite breaking through.

Finally, in the closing minutes the Navy threw the ball to five yards from the line.

Navy won, and the ball went to Hewitt who broke through to score near the posts. Annandale converted 5-0.

Immediately the Police kicked off the Navy passed the ball to their three and they went off in a lovely run, found a gap in the Police line and Hewitt scored well out. The conversion was missed, 8-0.

The Police took up the challenge and Scott got the ball and went tearing down the wing to the Navy 10-yard line where he passed on to Lloyd who was backing up well. Lloyd passed out to another three but he was offside.

With the Police cleared upfield, the Navy mounted another attack the final whistle went.

CLUB V. RAF In the first game the switching of Petrie to centre three was not a great success. In fact after he switched places with Cole he looked a lot happier.

While Petrie has the speed for a five it was obvious that at times he forgot his position and played as a forward.

The RAF had the push in the scrums and when Kilvert left the field at half time the Club pack could no longer hold the RAF.

Until half time the Club forwards were good in the loose with Steyn, Talamo, and Kilvert the best. Talamo excelled himself in the lineouts, and from these the Club got plenty of the ball. But the three again starved their wings with kicks ahead.

In the RAF team, however, Davidson fitted in well in the three line and, though he fumbled a few passes, more than made up for it both in attack and defence.

McGarity had a good game at fly half, though he was troubled at times by Steyn's fast breaks from the scrum.

where, being awarded a penalty. Steyn scored touch inside the RAF 25.

The RAF kicked clear and from a lineout on the Club 25 Lamb tried to force his way through but failed. The ball came to the RAF again and they tried a drop but missed and the ball went over the dead ball line.

Then on the half way line the RAF were awarded a penalty for offside, and Lamb attempted the long kick but was short. Away went the RAF three and Gammon went down the wing and passed inside to Davidson who was tackled well by Petrie. Another penalty was missed shortly after by the RAF.

Then finally the Club got going. They had a lovely run to the RAF 25. The ball was the lineout but the three made no progress, and the RAF pressed. The Club 25 and the three went away and were stopped with only five to go.

The RAF won the scrum and McGarity tried to break through on his own, but was grounded. The RAF then missed two more penalty kicks.

McGarity nearly broke through again, and then Gibbon nearly went through but his pass out was knocked on. The Club cleared to the 25, the ball came back to Davidson who looked ahead, ran, gathered, missed the conversion 3-0 and sent it well out. He missed the conversion 3-0. The RAF kept up the pressure but it was until close to half time that they scored again. This time David Smith broke through and passed on to Gibbon, who scored near the posts. Davidson converted, 8-0.

In the second half the RAF were all over the Club and had Kirkwood, at last playing in form, not been in good form they would have scored a lot.

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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited By Sam Leitch)

The brilliant centre-forward display of Derek Tapscott in the Arsenal League side at Manchester coincided exactly with an equally brilliant show by centre-forward Cliff Holton as a left back in the reserves side at Highbury. Remember Cliff came to Highbury from Oxford City as a right back.

Southern scouts are buzzing round St James's Park now that Newcastle reveal they will not stand in the way of a Vic Keeble transfer deal.

The ex-Colchester centre-forward whipped in three goals for Newcastle reserves on Saturday and this has brought a fresh load of inquiries.

HKCC AGAIN DEFEAT BANGKOK

The Hongkong Cricket Club beat the Royal Bangkok Sports Club by 89 runs—but only just—in their friendly cricket encounter at Chater Road yesterday.

In reply to HKCC's big score of 220 for seven wickets, the Bangkok Sports Club played to force a draw in the closing stages of the game and it looked as if they would succeed. With T. Green hanging on grimly, backed up by the batsman, Anaphon, they stubbornly resisted the attack of the HKCC bowlers.

Then in the fourth ball of the second last over, Manager Jimmy Seed said: "Jeppson definitely saved us from relegation and I suppose it is felt another temporary signing by us might not be fair on other clubs."

Besides Hane left us for Italy, collected an £18,000 fee from the Atlanta club, and was then sent to Swedish football. It all adds up to the present decision.

Looks like Ted Drake stepping in smartly to whisk a prize soccer schoolboy find from the Arsenal doorstep.

Fifteen-year-old Barry Bolton, fifth-former at St. Aloysius's College, Highbury (their coach last year was Arsenal's Joe Wade), has promised Chelsea first choice on his signature when he is 16.

Inside forward Barry has played at Highbury already as a member of the Islington schoolboy side.

Just like Matt Busby. That's what they say about the Johnny Carey success at Blackburn.

The point is that Compton suffered this injury on the first day of a match arranged for six days.

He was fielding at the time, but that is rather stretching the imagination and could, of course, be covered by rules. In any case a 12th man is always named and he, as in the case of a football reserve, would be the man to take over for an injured man. So there could be no "fiddling" to introduce somebody who would, in prevailing conditions, benefit a team.

In Compton's case he was a star batsman with none of the unchosen players a better performer, but if substitutes were allowed England would, at least, have had 11 players instead of 10.—China Mail Special.

Singapore Beat Manila Chinese 3 Goals To 1

The Singapore Inter football team made it two to nil over the Manila opposition last night by crushing the Manila All-Chinese selection 3-1 at the Rizal football field.

Last Saturday night, the Singapore side defeated the Manila Interiors 4-1 to maintain a clean slate of the scheduled three Interport games here.

The All-Chinese team had its own last night against the Chinese for the full first half of play, but the Singapore players, playing a more seasoned game, exerted their superiority in the second half.

Rahim Omar, steel-footed centre-forward, was the big difference in the game, accounting for all of the three goals of the visitors, one in the first half and the other two in the second half.

Tomorrow, the Singapore XI will face the Philippine Chinese Selection composed of Manila Interiors and members of the All-Chinese team.—France Press.

Australian Accent Again In Oxford's Rowing Crew

London, Dec. 6.

There should again be a pronounced Australian accent in the Oxford University rowing crew to meet Cambridge University in the annual Boat Race next year. In March this year they provided half the crew that won for Oxford the 100th boat race.

The Blues are led by Jim Gobbo from Melbourne, who is the new President of the Club, and he has Jim McLeod from Sydney serving with him on the executive as secretary.

Vin Vine, also from Melbourne, is a possible stroke bat. Pain of Sydney, who was Australia's Olympic No. 7 and rowed in the race last year against Cambridge, is a doubtful starter. He is said to be concentrating on his studies of civil law.

The two freshmen, both established oarsmen, are Rod Carnegie (Melbourne) and Ben Lochtenberg (Pent). Carnegie rowed two years for Melbourne University and is now at New College. He went with the Oxford crew to Sweden in September as spare man.

Lochtenberg, who has been for three years in the Western Australian University crew and has twice rowed against Gobbo, has joined Brasenose College.

At the moment Oxford is on the point of closing for the Christmas break but on January 5 the rowing season really gets under way when 16 men will return for training and from then a provisional varsity crew will be chosen.

SAME COACHES

Jim Gobbo would not yet commit himself on the possible make-up of that crew and said he had yet to go into conference with the coaches—the same four who saw success with the crew early this year.

There are seven Blues in residence at Oxford, including the Australians from last year's crew. Two of them—Pain and Englishman R. A. Whendon—may not be available.

The freshmen who come up each year are always rather an unknown quantity until after the trials in the new year. Carnegie and Lochtenberg are in company with Gavin Strain, an English "freighter" who is considered by some to be the most promising of the new blood. He stroked for the Royal Air Force Four in the European Championships of last year and rowed for them at Henley and Amsterdam.

The situation at Cambridge is not quite so clear but six members of the 1954 University crew are expected to be available.

There is a good prospect, however, that the men from "Down Under" will be playing a big part again in putting Oxford on top when the universities meet on the River Thames next March.—China Mail Special.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Army North Overestimated Recreio

By "Googly"

It is evident that the Army North overestimated the batting capabilities of Recreio in declaring at 184 on Saturday. They are indeed very lucky that the fast five Recreio batsmen went for the runs hastily.

The last three batsmen, De Ozerio, Yumovich, and Nunez, tried to muster 50 runs in 12 minutes. Nevertheless, the Army deserved their victory.

Army South also put too high a value on KCC's batting power against their formidable attack and had the declaration being made earlier the Army would come away with four points.

The Airman skittled out CCC for a meagre 73 runs and won by 10 wickets.

SECOND DIVISION

IRC "B" v. Navy was a surprise for the Indians who themselves did not think they could do it. Carl Myatt, playing his first game this season, made a brilliant 39 runs and followed by taking three wickets for 15 runs in six overs.

George Ebert, a newcomer to the Colony from Ceylon, looks like having a promising future as an all-rounder, though he has not fully recovered from a knee injury received six weeks ago.

Recreio, the only unbeaten team in this division, drew with the lowly-placed KGV. The schoolboys did not time their declaration well either.

Dockyard v. RAF also ended in a drawn game with a difference of four runs.

The Police did very well to throw back the IRC "A". Anderson did all the damage by taking five wickets for 11 runs in eight overs, of which four were maidens. Watson broke the back of the IRC attack, scoring 58 runs not out.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

Army South 8 5 1 2 21
KCC 7 5 1 1 21
RAF 8 5 0 1 21
Recreio 7 4 2 1 17
Army North 7 4 1 1 17
Optimists 7 4 3 0 16
Scorpions 6 3 2 1 13
Police 8 3 4 1 13
CCC 7 1 6 0 4
University 6 0 0 0 0
Navy 7 0 7 0 0

Second Division

IRC "A" 8 5 2 1 21
Army 8 5 2 1 21
RAF 8 4 2 1 18
Dockyard 7 4 2 1 18
Recreio 5 4 3 1 17
KCC 8 4 3 1 17
Police 7 4 2 1 17
IRC "B" 8 4 4 0 16
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From Our Files

100 Years Ago

The Legislative Council has seen meet to make known one of the Bills of Parliament which is a recently ordained should be law in Hongkong, by simply setting forth their titles in a schedule, but without affording any further clue to their contents. One of them (Lord Campbell's Bill Act) is now published in extenso "by authority," and unless the same is done with the others, we shall assume authority to give them in the Mail as soon as we can obtain copies.

The British clipper ship *Sun* of the East, of 1,219 tons, arrived in this harbour on Tuesday evening, reported to have made the passage from Liverpool to Melbourne and thence here, in the wonderfully short period of five months less one day, thirty-one days of which she lay at anchor in Port Phillip.

A Complete Wreck

The American clipper-ship *Glazco*, Captain Dillard, was towed into the harbour by the P. & O. Steamer *Canton* on Tuesday, a complete wreck as ever came into this port, having experienced a heavy tacking on the 19th November, in lat. 21° 10' N. long. 141° E., when the following particulars have been furnished to us:—

Sunday, 19th November. Moderate wind from S.E. weather clear, with heavy swell from W. by S. ship under all studding sails, going ten knots, 4 p.m. getting squally, look in light sails at 7 p.m. took two reefs in the topsails, failed main-mast, jib, and spanker. 10 p.m. squalls increasing, with a very heavy cross sea, called all hands to close reef the topsails, in doing which lost fore and main-mast: failed the mizenmast and foremast, and hove the ship to under bare poles. Midnight, and very violent from S.E., with a tremendous sea, the main-mast and foremast blown away, 3.50 a.m. was struck by a sea, which knocked the ship on her beam ends, and as the mainmast struck the water, it was broken close to the deck, taking the mizenmast with it; the ship then righted somewhat, but met by a second sea, putting the foremast and mainmast to the foremast, and the ship straightened up, the foremast went close to the deck, taking the bowsprit with it. The ship then righted, with a heavy list to starboard, the foremast and mainmast having been hoisted to that side, sounded the pumps, and found ten feet nine inches of water in the hold; put the Chinese passengers to pumping and bailing, and the crew cutting away the wreck, before the sea could get the wreck clear, the bowsprit and mainmast were badly cut, and the stem started off two inches. A great deal of time was taken in getting the wreck clear, owing to the spars having gone under the ship's bottom, leaving the keel in the yard under water. It took sixty-one hours to get the water out of the ship.

SIXTEEN DROWNED

Sixteen of the Chinese were drowned in the between-deck, and when the sea struck the ship, it broke the cabin skylight, and the water rushed down, nearly filling the cabin, destroying chronometer, sextant, books, the clothes belonging to the Captain and his family, and breaking up all the state-room on the lee side. Had not the Steward been in the cabin at the time, Mr. Dillard and the children would have escaped drowning, they being in bed on the other side.

On examination of the stores moved, but 1,500 gallons of water, 10 barrels of bread, 2 of beef, and a few bags of potatoes, were found; so that all were put on the very short allowance of a plate of water and a biscuit a day, there being 180 Chinese on board, with 33 of crew.

The Captain experienced great difficulty in navigating the ship, having neither instruments nor books on board. On Sunday the 28th November, at 2 p.m., a topsail schooner was seen steering between the ship and the shore, and being anxious to ascertain his position, Captain Dillard hailed the ship by the wind, showing at the time a signal of distress; but the schooner took no notice, and kept on its course. Greater consideration, however, was shown by Captain Wessels of the British barque *Senator*, who tendered his best assistance, and arrived with the mainmast yard for a foremast, having a mizen topsail set on it, maintaining the ship afloat for the mainmast, with a small sail over the foremast, and a small sail boom for a mizenmast, with fore-topsailsail set on it; fore-topsails, and foremast, were taken down, and the mainmast, under which the ship came about 1,000 miles in 144 days, was broken in every detail. Several of the crew were washed overboard, but were eventually got in again. All the boats but one were, more by the falling of the spars, during the hurricane, was from S.W. and S.W., but for a number of days previous, it had been blowing from heavy swell from W. by S. to W.S.W.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

6 P.M. CLOSING OUT—NOW A 10 P.M. SWILL?

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Nov. 24. After what must be the greatest tussle in referendum history, the vote for 10 p.m. closing of hotels has been carried by 9,000 votes—and so the way is paved for what could be sane drinking in New South Wales.

This time last week 6 p.m. held a lead of 10,000, and it seemed as if this lead was going to take some running down—so much so that when it was suggested that Cabinet might still give a trial to 10 p.m. closing, there were several loud wails that the Government should obey the will of the people.

Now 10 p.m. closing has won the day and later closing of hotels will be introduced early in the New Year, with a close-down between 6.30 and 7.30.

Most bitter, but silent opponents of the new deal are hotel keepers and employees. It is already being suggested that hotels will be battling to find staff to work each night until 10 p.m.

However, that may be, the new deal is coming in and it is going to be interesting to see if we can accept it or whether we are merely replacing the 6 o'clock swill with a 10 p.m. one.

U. S. ENTERTAINERS

Australians have enjoyed (those that get their enjoyment this way, anyway) a vast invasion of big-time American entertainers of varying accomplishments over the last few months.

They have all, in their way, achieved something, and certainly none have left the country any poorer for their coming. All in all, we have been glad to have them, too, because it is nice to see what makes these big names tick.

But must we really put up with Miss Christine Jorgensen, the next name scheduled to make an appearance?

Her sole claim to fame, as far as we are aware, is that some years ago her sex was changed. No doubt this is all very interesting from a medical point of view, but surely there is nothing to be gained by gazing at her.

The show people aren't very happy about this visit, and say that the tour will be a flop. If that is right, it would indicate that Australian audiences can't see where they are going to get their money's worth out of Miss Jorgensen.

We have had in town for the last few days another American showman who has done a vast amount of good—the gentleman who is better known as Hopsal Cassidy.

"Hoppy" in his Western-style dress, including 10-gallon hat, has done a marvellous amount of good among the children, particularly the Spastics and cripples, and we would say he was one man well entitled to any gate money which he might take away.

It is said, however, that his heart is really in this work, and what he will take home will be peanuts compared with what he could demand.

Our one plea... Is it really necessary for Sydney papers, when reporting the doings of Mr. Cassidy, to resort to Western style writing all the time.

The first paper to do it carried full marks. It was in character... it was good... but when you read day after day "A gun-totin' hombre who's port of quick on the draw..." well, you sorta get a feelin' that you'd like to draw your own board on the guy what writs them words!

But to Hoppy himself—plus wife—full marks.

THE WOOL CHEQUE

No wonder our woolgrowers—and trade circles—are getting a little worried about the wool situation. For the September quarter the wool cheque was £17 million less than the same period last year—and £17 million means something, even to a woolgrower.

Wool exports to the sterling area fell considerably, but this was offset by a substantial rise in the exports to the dollar area, but the way our imports are at the moment we cannot afford to lose any of our sterling credits.

Britain, as always, remained our best wool customers, and next was Japan, who bought only half as much.

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Things didn't go too well with the building of a new infants' school at the Little North Coast town of Westlawn.

After the school was finished it was suddenly discovered that the Public Works Department plans had admitted a lavatory block.

The official opening was postponed while this was built. The Minister for Education, Mr. Hefferon, opened the school this week, but guests were a little surprised to find the lavatory block in front instead of behind the school.

One or two speakers made mention of the fact, but when the Minister spoke he said: "Well, you know—it's just one of those things."

BROKEN HILL WAGES

The lowest paid miner at Broken Hill next month will get a weekly wage of £27.9.6. This has been made possible by an all-round increase in the lead bonus.

About 8,000 unionists will receive the bonus, even though they will be on holidays in December. More than a third of the city's population is expected to leave for the seaside when the mines close for three weeks from December 15. Authorities are arranging special trains and aircraft to handle the crowds.

The question is often asked: With wages so high, why don't miners flock to the Hill. Because Broken Hill is one of the strictest union controlled towns in Australia.

The all-powerful Barrier Labour Council controls all things and regulates the inflow of unionists. The city is one of the most law-abiding in the country and is practically free of industrial disputes.

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Money is still being poured into Western Australia in the thousands.

One company announced this week that in the next twelve months it would spend £4 million on the search. A director, Mr. G. M. Cunningham, said the company had already drilled five wells in the West and the tests showed that there was oil in Australia.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sydney churchmen this week condemned as in bad taste some of the Christmas cards already in circulation. They said the firms printing the cards should have the decency to impose a code of ethics on themselves.

The Methodist Social Service Director, Rev. W. J. Hobbin, said: "Christmas is losing its true significance and becoming the subject of cheap publicity."

"Surely one season in the year that merits decency in advertising is Christmas, but some firms seem interested only in returns and how much they can sell."

JAPANESE TRADE

A trade agreement between Japan and Australia is causing considerable worry... in trade circles here.

Under new trade regulations Japan can now trade her exports to this country. She is now in the same licensing class as Britain and other non-dollar countries.

The old licensing system pegged the goods that Japan could sell to Australia at about £12 million a year. The new system will give Japan the chance to sell to Australia about £25 million worth of goods a year.

Trade circles are afraid that Japan will now bring into the country good quality goods at a far cheaper price than they can be made locally.

A BIG CAMERA BATTERY



For A Beautiful Star



All—or nearly all—the Colony's Press photographers turned out to meet Miss Ava Gardner when she arrived in Hongkong yesterday. But they all agreed it was worth it—a lovely subject to snap as this picture taken by our staff photographer shows.

R.A.S.C. Driver Given Benefit Of The Doubt

Given the benefit of the doubt, Lui Sau-yung, military driver, attached to the R.A.S.C. Shamshupo Barracks, was discharged of common assault by Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning.

Wong Pui-yip told the Court that at 11.25 p.m. on December 3 he had an argument with defendant about a debt outside his home in Kwong Hong Terrace.

During the dispute defendant took off his webbed belt and hit Wong on the right shoulder. Later both went to the police station and on examination at the Queen Mary Hospital complainant was found to have a bruise on his right shoulder.

A friend of the complainant testified that he saw the defendant hit Wong with a belt.

Defendant, in his evidence, said that he never hit complainant during the money dispute and he said that Wong had hit him on the head.

Radio Hongkong

H.K. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00 Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30 Country Dancing "Island Dance" Jack Armstrong and his Band; 6.45 Jack Armstrong and his Band; 7.00 News (London Relay); 7.10 Commentaries (London Relay); 7.20 20th Century Fox (OB); 7.30 Motoring Magazine, A Monthly Magazine, Edited and Introduced by Timothy Birch (Studio); 7.45 A History of British Music, Written and narrated by Alec Robertson (Recorded London Relay); 8.00 The Nineteenth Century (Prog. 3); 8.15 Time Signal, Asian Club, A Weekly Audience programme, Speaker: George Miles (Recorded London Relay); 8.30 "Off the Beat" (Studio); 8.45 "Up-sown rhythm" 10.15 Take it from today. The following have been heard with Walter Eaton, Alms Corps, June Whitfield, Repeat of last Thursday's programme; 10.30 International Observer; 10.50 Weather Report; 11.00 Time Signal, Radio News Free (Recorded London Relay); 11.15 Goodnight Music, Good Night the Queen 11.30, Close down.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m.
Korea, 5 p.m.
India, Middle East, Africa, 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Pakistan, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.
By Surface
Tientsin, 5 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
By Air
Philippines, 5 a.m.
Korea, 5 a.m.
India, Middle East, Africa, 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Pakistan, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.
By Surface
Tientsin, 5 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

1,232 Fellaghas Surrender

Tunis, Dec. 5. A total of 1,232 fellaghas (armed terrorists) have given themselves up to the Franco-Tunisian authorities, with 914 arms, since December 1, it was announced here tonight. Four hundred and nineteen fellaghas surrendered in the course of today. The fallaghas have been surrendering following a joint appeal issued by the French and Tunisian Governments which promised them legal immunity—France-Press.

Kobe, Dec. 5. A 17-year-old Japanese youth wanted to add "a bit of a thrill" to an evening at home with the radio.

He hitched a rope from the ceiling of his room and looped it around his neck.

But the game got too thrilling. The youth kicked out in excitement, the loop tightened and he was strangled to death.—Reuter.

Horrible Death For Catholic Archbishop

Frankfurt, Dec. 5. The director of a Catholic haven for priests expelled from the East said that his German Communist-imprisoned Archbishop Vinsens Frennauhl, 69, of Durazzo, in a wooden cage studded with iron points and rolled it as regular intervals until he was dead of his injuries.

The director, Magr. Kindermann, runs the Albertus Magnus Seminary at Koenigstein, near here. Refugee priests arriving there have given him the information that which he bases his belief that the Roman Catholic clergy will be exterminated within 20 years in the Communist East, if persecution continues as hitherto.—Reuter.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

End of term

TERM ended at the preparatory school in the usual way. Among the boys, the brainy ones and the brawny ones discovered sudden virtues in each other. The bullies and the bullied came temporarily to terms.

Among the masters, old differences and enmities were put aside, and peace came to the common-room. Relief that term was over was general, happiness was widespread.

Only one person seemed unaffected by the general gaiety. A master named Christopher, a tall, dark, withdrawn young man, who was sick of the life he was leading, and for whom the long holidays ahead were spoiled by the thought that another term lay at the end of them.

CONDEMNED

Christopher, at 23, seemed to himself to have spent all his life in schoolroom. His own long schooling first, until he was 18. Then work for a degree, which he left off with his objective unattained. Then this teaching job.

He saw himself condemned for ever to live in the atmosphere of chalk and ink and dusty gowns, with impossible small boys and insufferable colleagues as his only company.

The prospect so dismayed him that he suffered a breakdown. When he came out of hospital, he resolved to quit school-teaching and enter industry. He gave the headmaster his notice, and wondered what on earth his next move should be.

When the holidays were over and boys and masters returned to the school, Christopher was not among them. Nor had he entered industry. He was at a loose end in London, still in doubt as to what to do next.

"JUST TO SEE"

ONE day, in the West End, he wandered into a bookshop. There he was seen to steal a book.

At Bow Street he pleaded guilty to the theft. He was remanded on bail so that inquiries might be made about him, for all that he could say was "I have no satisfactory explanation, except that I did it to see if it could be done."

When Christopher came back to the court from the South coast town where he lived a report was made about him, that Sir Laurence Dumas, from the doctors who had looked after Christopher at the time of his breakdown.

Sir Laurence read it, then said to Christopher: "The doctors are of the opinion that you really ought to go back to the hospital for further treatment. I make a probation order, with the condition that you do that, will you go back?"

BACK AGAIN

CHRISTOPHER nodded. "Certainly," he said. "The treatment did me a lot of good last time. I'm perfectly prepared to go on with it. There's just one thing..."

"All my stuff down at home. Could I go down there tonight and enter the hospital tomorrow?"

Sir Laurence consulted his probation officer. "Would that be all right? He could get into the hospital tomorrow?" he asked. The probation officer nodded.

"Very well," said Sir Laurence, "probation two years, and the condition that you enter the hospital tomorrow..."

"Thank you," said Christopher, and he went away, slowly and thoughtfully, like a boy going back to school.

H.M.S. Alert Here

HMS Alert fired a 12-gun salute to the flag of Rear-Admiral C. V. Gladstone, Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, on arrival here this morning from the south. HMS Birmingham, Admiral Gladstone's flagship, replied with a seven-gun salute.

Alert, a 1,500-ton frigate, is serving on the yacht of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

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